

Course Structure for Bachelor of Arts - Economics Major

Each standard subject is worth 12.5 credit points. A standard **full-time study load** is four subjects (50 points) per half-year period. The **Bachelor of Arts** requires the successful completion of **24 subjects (300 points)**.

Year 1	First half	ECON10004 - Introductory Microeconomics	Arts Foundation Subject	Arts Elective (Level 1)	Arts Elective (Level 1)
	Second half	ECON10003 - Introductory Macroeconomics	ECON10005 - Quantitative Methods 1	Arts Elective (Level 1)	Arts Elective (Level 1)
Year 2	First half	ECON20002 - Intermediate Microeconomics	Arts Elective (Level 2)	Arts Elective (Level 2)	Arts Elective (Level 2)
	Second half	ECON20001 - Intermediate Macroeconomics	ECOM20001 - Econometrics 1 OR ECON20003 - Quantitative Methods 2	Arts Elective (Level 2)	Arts Elective (Level 2)
Year 3	First half	Economics Elective (Level 3)*	Economics Elective (Level 3)*	Arts Elective (Level 3)	Arts Elective (Level 3)
	Second half	Economics Elective (Level 3)*	Arts Elective (Level 3)	Arts Elective (Level 3)	Arts Elective (Level 3)

Major Subjects

Students intending to major in Economics should note that a study score of at least 25 in either VCE Mathematical Methods 3/4 or VCE Specialist Mathematics or equivalent is a prerequisite.

A major in Economics requires the completion of:

- three level 1 compulsory subjects
- two level 2 compulsory subjects
- 12.5 points of level 2 elective subject
- 37.5 points of level 3 elective subjects*

Your Economics subjects will be taken in place of your breadth subjects.

**NOTE: Of the level 3 elective subjects, students must complete at least one subject with an ECON prefix, and one subject with an ECOM prefix. The list of elective subjects offered can be found in the University Handbook.*

Core Subject (Arts Foundation)

You must complete a compulsory (core) Arts Foundation subject within the first 100 points of your degree. There is a choice of six Arts Foundation subjects to choose from.

Arts Elective Subjects

You have a choice of subjects from the Arts disciplines. Your major in Economics consists of three subjects (37.5 points) taken as Arts subjects and six subjects (75 points) taken as breadth. Therefore, all your remaining subjects should be selected from Arts disciplines. Consider doing subjects from the same area of study to complete a second major or a minor.

Double major: If you are intending to do a second major, you will have to complete eight subjects (100 points) within a single area of study consisting of:

- two level 1 subjects, which may include an Arts Foundation subject
- three level 2 subjects, and
- three level 3 subjects.

Minor: You may also complete a minor. This consists of six subjects within a single area of study comprising of two subjects each at levels 1, 2 and 3.

NOTES ABOUT THE BACHELOR OF ARTS

Course rules

The Bachelor of Arts (Economics) requires 112.5 points (nine subjects) of Economics study. The remaining subjects must be taken from Arts subjects, including at least one Arts Foundation subject.

This means out of the 300 point (24 subject) program, you have the opportunity to achieve two majors in your course, or a major and minor. Explore the range of majors available here: go.unimelb.edu.au/7t66

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The full list of Economics elective subjects can be found in the University Handbook: go.unimelb.edu.au/e326

Course requirements

Level 1

- ECON10004 Introductory Microeconomics (12.5 points)
- ECON10003 Introductory Macroeconomics (12.5 points)
- ECON10005 Quantitative Methods 1 (12.5 points)
- One Arts Foundation subject (12.5 points)
- Four level 1 Arts elective subjects (50 points)

Level 2

- ECON20002 Intermediate Microeconomics (12.5 points)
- ECON20001 Intermediate Macroeconomics (12.5 points)
- One level 2 Economics elective subject (12.5 points)
- Five level 2 Arts elective subjects (62.5 points)

Level 3

- Three level 3 Economics elective subjects (37.5 points)
Note: At least one subject must have the prefix ECON and one must have the prefix ECOM.
- Five level 3 Arts elective subjects (62.5 points)

Major Requirements

- Completion of at least one major and a maximum of two
- For a second major, you can complete two level 1 subjects from that area of study OR a level 1 subject in that area plus a second Arts Foundation subject to meet the level 1 requirement for a major.

Total

- Completion of an overall total of 24 subjects (300 points)
- Maximum of ten subjects (125 points) in any one area of study
- Course progression rule:** Completion of at least four subjects (50 points) at each year level before being able to progress to the next year level

For more information:

Learn more about the specific requirements of your course by referring to the University Handbook – handbook.unimelb.edu.au

Look at the Bachelor of Arts website – arts.unimelb.edu.au/students/undergraduate

PLAN YOUR COURSE

STEP 1: BUILD

Add the core subjects to your Course Map first.

Core subjects are compulsory subjects that must be completed in order to meet the requirements of your course.

These subjects are usually prerequisites for later subjects, which means you need to successfully pass these to be able to progress to the next subject.

STEP 2: EXPLORE

Select elective subjects which can complement a major pathway or allow you to pursue other areas of interest.

These may or may not be prerequisites for majors or other options down the track.

Elective subjects (also referred to as optional subjects) are discipline subjects from your Faculty.

Courses that require completion of electives or optional subjects allow you to choose from a list which is available in the University Handbook.

STEP 3: SPECIALISE

You might not need to decide on a major right away but many Year 2 and 3 subjects leading to a major or minor have prerequisites that you should review.

A **major or minor** refers to a concentration of subjects that equips you with specialised knowledge in your chosen field of study.

Each course has **different requirements** for a major, minor or specialisation. For example, while some offer a selection of subjects to choose from, others have a fixed set of subjects.

UNDECIDED ABOUT A SECOND MAJOR?

If you are undecided about a second major, you can start with the subjects that you are interested in and work forwards; what later level subjects and majors do these subjects lead to?

For most majors, you don't need to decide in Year 1, but understanding where your subjects can lead is important as you proceed through your course.

PLAN YOUR COURSE (continued)

Use the blank course structure below as a guide to plan your course. It is easiest to plan your course while referring to your course-specific requirements and the University Handbook.

You do not have to plan your whole degree at this point but the subjects that you choose in Year 1 can impact on your choices in Year 2 and 3.

Remember to consult the University Handbook to find out more about course requirements and subject availability, as well as breadth and elective options: handbook.unimelb.edu.au

Year 1	First half				
	Second half				
Year 2	First half				
	Second half				
Year 3	First half				
	Second half				

WHAT DO I DO NEXT? ENROL IN YOUR SUBJECTS (STUDY PLAN)

Once you have mapped your subjects you can add them to your Study Plan via my.unimelb for the current year only.

For information about enrolling in subjects visit: students.unimelb.edu.au/subject-enrolment

Please note: You normally have until the end of the second week of classes to change your subject selection for the semester.

HOW CAN STOP 1 HELP?

Stop 1 can connect you with the full range of student services to support your success while studying at the University including:

- administration
- course planning and enrolment
- health and wellbeing
- housing and financial aid
- equity and disability support
- careers and employability development
- academic skills and learning support
- overseas study

Remember, our support services are not just for when things go wrong but also to extend and develop your skills and experience.

Access these services and more:
services.unimelb.edu.au/finder

Find out the best way to manage your admin, study effectively, maximise your wellbeing and prepare for your future: students.unimelb.edu.au

International student visa holders: please note you must be enrolled in 50 credit points in each half-year period unless you have approval to reduce your study load.

ENRICH YOUR STUDIES

Overseas study

Participate in an overseas study program and gain experience as well as credit towards your course.

Concurrent diploma

Complete an additional qualification in computing, music, mathematical sciences or languages alongside your bachelors degree.

Enhance employability skills

Check your faculty's website for internships, work placements, research or volunteering options to put your knowledge and skills into practice.

There are other opportunities such as industry events, public lectures and professional skills workshops. You can also volunteer in your community, meet with an alumni mentor or join a student club.

ACHIEVE YOUR ACADEMIC GOALS

Academic and communication skills

Find resources and programs to help you develop the reading, writing and listening skills needed to succeed in your studies.

Take the Diagnostic English Language Test (DELA) to get personalised results and recommendations to develop your ability to communicate ideas clearly and fluently using academic English language.

Notes: